



Proposition 1 Grant Program Update

Current Solicitation Update

The Conservancy's Cycle 4 full proposal solicitation period opened on October 22, 2018 and closes on December 18, 2018. Staff will present funding recommendations to the Board at the May 2019 meeting.

Approved Project Update

In its first three grant cycles, the Conservancy committed approximately \$24.4 million for Proposition 1 projects. A brief overview of each grant cycle, including the status of each funded project and a map of all approved project locations (Figure 1), are provided herein.

Cycle 3 – Fiscal Year 2017-2018

The Board awarded or reserved approximately \$16 million for eight projects (four planning and four implementation). Staff is negotiating grant agreements. New information is highlighted.

<u>Project</u>	Bay Point Habitat Restoration Project (Implementation)
<u>Amount Awarded</u>	\$2,100,000
<u>County</u>	Contra Costa
<u>Conservancy ID</u>	Prop 1-1701
<u>Grantee</u>	East Bay Regional Park District
<u>Overview</u>	Restore 44 acres of wetland and grassland and 5,595 linear feet of saline emergent marsh channel at Bay Point Regional Shoreline Park
<u>Grant Agreement Status</u>	Grant Agreement Pending
<u>Update</u>	Staff is developing a grant agreement.
<u>Project</u>	Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms: Improving aquatic habitat resiliency on working lands along the Sacramento River (Planning)
<u>Amount Awarded</u>	\$661,189
<u>County</u>	Yolo
<u>Conservancy ID</u>	Prop 1-1702
<u>Grantee</u>	American Rivers
<u>Overview</u>	Develop restoration design plans for seven different project sites at River Garden Farms to restore ecosystem function in floodplain, wetland, and riparian habitats and provide habitat connectivity on a working farm
<u>Board Action/Deadline</u>	Conditional Approval – August 2018
<u>Grant Agreement Status</u>	Grant Agreement Pending
<u>Update</u>	Staff is developing a grant agreement.

Project **Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project (Planning)**
Amount Awarded \$1,225,000
County Contra Costa
Conservancy ID Prop 1-1709
Grantee East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy
Overview Advance planning for restoring wetlands and managing and treating stormwater on public land in Knightsen
Grant Agreement Status Grant Agreement Pending
Update Staff is developing a grant agreement.

Project **Grizzly Slough Floodplain Restoration Project at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation)**
Amount Awarded \$8,700,800
County Sacramento
Conservancy ID Prop 1-1710
Grantee Department of Water Resources
Overview Restore wetland and riparian habitat to the 334-acre site by breaching the levee and reintroducing tidal and seasonal flooding, and by establishing native vegetation
Board Action/Deadline Reserved Funding – October 2018
Conditions/Status

1. Revised budget.
2. Memo addressing Delta Stewardship Council comments.
3. Presentation of flood impacts to Conservancy Board.

Grant Agreement Status Grant Agreement Pending
Update All conditions have been cleared. A request for the Board to make California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and approve the project is on the agenda for this meeting.

Project **Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project #2 (Implementation)**
Amount Awarded \$999,318
County Contra Costa
Conservancy ID Prop 1-1711
Grantee American Rivers
Overview Add one acre of habitat to the current Three Creeks Parkway Restoration project, thereby enhancing the ecological benefits of that project while satisfying flood conveyance needs to protect the local area, and allowing the larger project to move forward
Board Action/Deadline Reserved Funding – October 2018

<u>Conditions/Status</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revised budget.2. Additional information explaining the decision not to hire an engineer to aid in project design.3. Appropriate engineering design documents to qualify as an implementation project.4. Plan for addressing Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District comments.5. Memo addressing Delta Stewardship Council comments.
<u>Grant Agreement Status</u>	Grant Agreement Pending
<u>Update</u>	All conditions have been cleared. A request for the Board to make California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and approve the project is on the agenda for this meeting.
<u>Project</u>	Bees Lakes Habitat Restoration Plan (Planning)
<u>Amount Awarded</u>	\$592,500
<u>County</u>	Yolo
<u>Conservancy ID</u>	Prop 1-1712
<u>Grantee</u>	City of West Sacramento
<u>Overview</u>	Develop a detailed habitat restoration plan to restore disturbed riparian habitat, control non-native species, improve pond water quality, and improve the ability of the Bees Lakes area to support listed species
<u>Grant Agreement Status</u>	Grant Agreement Pending
<u>Update</u>	Staff is developing a grant agreement.
<u>Project</u>	Nutria Eradication Project (Implementation)
<u>Amount Awarded</u>	\$1,125,577
<u>County</u>	Multiple
<u>Conservancy ID</u>	Prop 1-1718
<u>Grantee</u>	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
<u>Overview</u>	Eliminate nutria from all known and discovered locations in California to prevent nutria from causing significant ecological damage in the Delta
<u>Grant Agreement Status</u>	Grant Agreement Pending
<u>Update</u>	The grant agreement has been sent to the grantee for signature.

Cycle 2 – Fiscal Year 2016-2017

The Board awarded approximately \$4.4 million for four projects (one planning and three implementation). Three grant agreements have been executed, and one has been delayed due to permitting issues. New information is highlighted.

<u>Project</u>	Dutch Slough Revegetation (Implementation)
<u>Amount Awarded</u>	\$2,900,000
<u>County</u>	Contra Costa
<u>Conservancy ID</u>	Prop 1-1602
<u>Grantee</u>	Reclamation District 2137
<u>Overview</u>	Establish and maintain 468 acres of native tidal marsh, riparian, and grassland vegetation at the Dutch Slough restoration site
<u>Grant Agreement Status</u>	Grant Agreement Pending
<u>Update</u>	Earth-moving has begun. The revegetation phase of the project, to which Conservancy funds are being applied, will begin in 2019.
<u>Project</u>	Petersen Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project (Implementation)
<u>Amount Awarded</u>	\$444,795
<u>County</u>	Solano
<u>Conservancy ID</u>	Prop 1-1605
<u>Grantee</u>	Solano Resource Conservation District
<u>Overview</u>	Restore 13.5 acres of riparian habitat and improve water quality through improved cattle management practices on approximately 525 acres of actively farmland along Lindsey Slough
<u>Grant Agreement Status</u>	Active as of 9/1/17
<u>Update</u>	Included as a consent item on the agenda for this meeting is a request for the Board to approve an amendment to the project footprint, which will require a new legal survey. The project is on-track; planting for this year will begin this fall.
<u>Project</u>	Restoration of Priority Wetlands for Endangered Species at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation)
<u>Amount Awarded</u>	\$943,549
<u>County</u>	Sacramento
<u>Conservancy ID</u>	Prop 1-1608
<u>Grantee</u>	Sacramento County Regional Parks
<u>Overview</u>	Restore 110 acres of freshwater wetlands to benefit listed species
<u>Grant Agreement Status</u>	Active as of 1/8/18
<u>Update</u>	Earth-moving has begun.
<u>Project</u>	Investigations of restoration techniques that limit invasion of tidal wetlands (Planning)
<u>Amount Awarded</u>	\$107,655
<u>County</u>	Contra Costa
<u>Conservancy ID</u>	Prop 1-1612

<u>Grantee</u>	The Regents of the University of California (UC Davis)
<u>Overview</u>	Identify improved methods for tidal wetland revegetation that reduce invasion by non-native plants at Dutch Slough
<u>Grant Agreement Status</u>	Active as of 1/8/18
<u>Update</u>	The project is on-track; experimental plots have been established.

Cycle 1 – Fiscal Year 2015-2016

The Board has awarded approximately \$5.9 million for seven projects (four planning and three implementation). With the withdrawal of the Paradise Cut Flood and Conservation Easement Acquisition Project (#Prop 1-Y1-2015-010), Cycle 1 has yielded seven projects (four planning and five implementation) requiring approximately \$3.9 million. To date, six grant agreements have been fully executed. New information is highlighted.

<u>Project</u>	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project (Implementation)
<u>Amount Awarded</u>	\$2,000,000
<u>County</u>	Yolo
<u>Conservancy ID</u>	Prop 1-Y1-2015-003 (1503 on map)
<u>Grantee</u>	Ducks Unlimited
<u>Overview</u>	Implement habitat and working landscape enhancements in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area
<u>Grant Agreement Status</u>	Grant Agreement Pending
<u>Update</u>	Staff is drafting a grant agreement. The design for this project has shifted since the time of proposal: one of the proposed subprojects will no longer include the installation of new diversion structures, and another of the subprojects is now using cost share funds to complete the installation of a new pump. These design revisions will be reflected in the grant agreement. The benefits of the project have not changed; output acreage targets remain the same, as do ecosystem-level outcomes.
<u>Project</u>	Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Planning)
<u>Amount Awarded</u>	\$89,450
<u>County</u>	All Delta Counties
<u>Conservancy ID</u>	Prop 1-Y1-2015-005 (1505 on map)
<u>Grantee</u>	California Land Stewardship Institute
<u>Overview</u>	Develop a program to work with farmers to improve water quality, that is specific to the crops and water quality concerns in Delta counties
<u>Grant Agreement Status</u>	Active as of 1/9/17
<u>Update</u>	The grantee has submitted a concept proposal for an implementation grant to the Conservancy's Cycle 4 solicitation.
<u>Project</u>	Sherman Island Wetland Restoration Project Phase III (Planning)
<u>Amount Awarded</u>	\$100,000

County Sacramento
Conservancy ID Prop 1-Y1-2015-008 (1508 on map)
Grantee Ducks Unlimited
Overview Plan and design for the restoration of 1600 acres of emergent wetlands
Grant Agreement Status Active as of 10/20/2017.
Update The grantee has submitted initial design plans and is working on completing the next design phase. The project will close in December 2018.

Project **Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project (Implementation)**
Amount Awarded \$836,409
County Contra Costa
Conservancy ID Prop 1-Y1-2015-009 (1509 on map)
Grantee American Rivers
Overview Convert denuded flood control channel at the confluence of Marsh, Sand, and Deer Creeks into a healthy stream corridor
Grant Agreement Status Active as of 6/27/17
Update Included as a consent item on the agenda for this meeting is a request for the Board to approve an amendment to for time and to shift funds from revegetation to construction. The grantee is negotiating the landowner access agreement. Work is ready to proceed.

Project **Paradise Cut Conservation and Flood Management Planning Project (Planning)**
Amount Awarded \$99,924
County San Joaquin
Conservancy ID Prop 1-Y1-2015-012 (1512 on map)
Grantee San Joaquin Resource Conservation District
Overview Develop a conservation and flood management plan for a new flood bypass at Paradise Cut
Grant Agreement Status Active as of 7/6/17
Update The project team held its first agency coordination meeting and has completed the Existing Conditions memo.

Project **Wildlife Corridors for Flood Escape on the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Project (Implementation)**
Amount Awarded \$688,195.64
County Yolo
Conservancy ID Prop 1-Y1-2015-016 (1516 on map)
Grantee Yolo Resource Conservation District
Overview Restore up to 5 miles (22 acres) of floodway-compatible wildlife and pollinator habitat, providing a transit corridor for wildlife during floods

Grant Agreement Status Active as of 1/24/17

Update The project team is conducting weed management.

Project **Lower Marsh and Sand Creek Watershed Riparian Restoration Planning Project (Planning)**

Amount Awarded \$73,493

County Contra Costa

Conservancy ID Prop 1-Y1-2015-019 (1519 on map)

Grantee American Rivers

Overview Improve restoration project efficiency within the Marsh/Sand Creek watershed through development of a programmatic CEQA document and permit, including stormwater planning.

Grant Agreement Status Active as of 10/19/16

Update An amendment was approved at the last Board meeting. The project is on track.

Background

The Conservancy's Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program funds \$50 million in multibenefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities. The Grant Program is a two-step process, requiring both a concept proposal and a full proposal. Full proposals are subject to a rigorous scoring and evaluation process by both staff and a professional review panel, and are recommended for funding based upon score and funding availability.

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Figure 1. Map of Funded Projects

